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HOSPITALS FOR BEEDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned establishment of hospitals for beedi workers in the country including West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details of the establishments sanctioned till date, State-wise;

(c) whether all these hospitals have been made functional; and

(d) if not, the present status of each sanctioned hospital project?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) to (d): The Government has so far sanctioned 6 hospitals for beedi workers under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund in the country. Of these, three hospitals at Mysore (Karnataka), Gurusaiganj (Uttar Pradesh) and Dhuliyan (West Bengal) became functional in years 1978, 1989 and 2001 respectively. Remaining three hospitals i.e. at Biharsharif (Bihar), sanctioned in April 2001, Sagar (Madhya Pradesh) and Mukkudal (Tamil Nadu), sanctioned by the Committee for Non-plan Expenditure (CNE) in September 2001 are at advanced stages of construction. Out Patient Departments (OPD`s) have started working in hospitals at Bihar Sharif and Mukkudal. In addition to above one T.B. hospital at Karma, which was set up under the Mica Mines Workers Welfare Fund, was transferred to Beedi Workers Welfare Fund in February 1989.